

PLACE: KARASJOK

COUNTRY: NORWAY

Population: About 380 in village
1631 in municipality in Dec. 1950

Province: Finnmark

Date of Observation: 27 Mar. '51

General Description:

Lapp farming and fishing center, cultural center because of state church. Lapp educational center. Located on international route from Finland to seacoast and overland route from Kautokeino to Varangerfjord.

Geographic Description:

Inland valley type in plateau region. Farming and fishing economic basis but area will probably develop rapidly.

Occupations:

<u>Agricultural</u>	<u>Fishing</u>	<u>Industrial</u>
Important dairying for local use, sheep and many horses for transport. Reindeer for transport and meat in interior.	River fishing in Summer on Tana	Local construction & repair. Lapp home crafts.

Natural Vegetation:

Very good pine woods, plus typical birches. Note pines as at Alta but no pines reach Kautokeino.

Land Forms and Geology:

Valley with impressive alluvial terraces and broad flood plane. Low rolling mountains and plateau in background. First terrace is 18 meters above river, second 20 more.

Mining:

Population (racial, cultural, linguistic): Lapp, plus Kwain, plus Norwegian officials.

The racial difference between the true mountain Lapps and residents of Karasjok is due to the latter being mostly of Finno-Ugric origin. Lapp language and Lapp Winter dress in past 150 years.

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Climate and Weather Very constant

Temperatures: -6° C to -1° C

Precipitation: None. two ft. of snow on ground.

Clouds: Rare in daytime. Cloudy at night.

Other: Aurora borealis.

Electric Power:

Source: Local diesel. Off at night.
School has separate diesel electric plant and oil heat.

Voltage: 230 Cycle: 50

Extent of Grid: Few houses and road in town.

Telephone Yes Telegraph Yes as tele. Radio TV
24 lines running north-south through town,
and links with Kautokeino and Vadsø

TRANSPORTATION: (From: Karasjok To: Lakselv (north) and Ivalo (south))

Railway: None

Station:

Ballast:

Power :

Gauge :

Bridges:

Highways:

Route No's : Lakselv #930, Ivalo #4 in Finland.

Surface Type: Permanent gravel all weather.

Width : One to two vehicles

Seasonal Use: Open north and south in Winter in favorable years. e. g.
1950-51.

Underpass : Note route along river to Polmak. Winter trail with short
road stretches around falls.

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Ferries: None

Location:

Tonnage :

Capacity:

Schedules:

Steamers: None

Routing:

Tonnages:

Capacity:

Schedules:

Bus Routes:

Summer: To Lakselv and Ivalo daily

Winter: To Lakselv and Ivalo every second day. Snowmobile three a week to Kautokeino and snowmobile or truck along Tana River ice.

Other Transportation:

Horses are used extensively for local transport and reindeer for remoter areas. Some private cars and taxis enter from highway #50 at coast or from Finland. There was a Nazi airfield in war years.

Important river boat (Lapp boat without engine) route in Summer on Karasjok River and Tana River used for mail and passengers. (See 1949 report of this)

MAPS

<u>Title</u>	<u>Scale</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Publisher</u>
German Army Military maps	1:300,000	up to 1944	
	1:100,000		

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Guide and Other Books:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Cost</u>
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PERSONAL DATA:

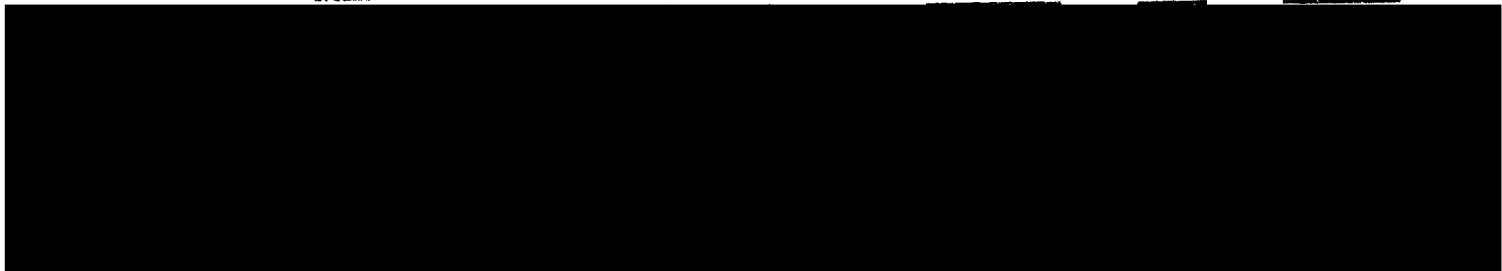
Date of travel to this place: 26 Mar. '51 Arrived: 18 hrs.
 Starting Point: Kautokeino Departed: 1630 29 Mar. '51
 Distance traveled (in kms): About 150 kms.
 Vehicles Used: Snowmobile

 Where stayed: Local inn Comments: Excellent

25X1X6

CONTACTS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>T.ph.</u>	<u>Comment</u>
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Photographs:

Purchased locally: Few postcards

Taken: Black and white and color of school buildings and children and village.

Sketches Made:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Description</u>
	Rough scale sketch of town

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Industries:

<u>Type</u>	<u>No. of Workers</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>Power</u>
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None except sawing lumber for local buildings, important reconstruction of buildings.

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SEAPORTS:

None

General Comments:

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Cargo Handling:

Wharves:

Name:

Location

Depth

Lighters:

Cranes:

Location

Tonnage

Comments

Repair Facilities

Machine Shops:

Foundries:

Dry docks:

Salvage gear:

Supplies Available

Water _____

Coal _____

Provisions _____

Oil-Fuel _____

Engineering _____

Diesel Fuel _____

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